

**CREEPER JEEPERS GANG 4 WHEEL DRIVE CLUB
OF DURANGO, INC.
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEEDURES
(Also Known As "SOP")
Revised June 4, 2010**

ARTICLE I

- 1) Membership and Dues
 - a. Dues for this club will be collected in March, April, and May prior to the May 31st deadline. A member whose dues are in arrears after the August 1st deadline will be required to reapply for new membership under By-law requirements.
 - b. Applicants becoming a member from March 1st through May 31st will be considered paid in full for the following year. Members who came into the club prior to March 1st will owe dues for the coming year.
 - c. A portion of club dues goes for membership into the Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc. Dues for the Colorado Association membership are due and payable June 1st of each year for the coming year. Membership includes only those members in good standing for the coming year (by payment of dues prior to May 31st).
 - d. Membership dues attached to an application will only be refunded if applicant is denied membership.

ARTICLE II

- 1) Meetings
 - a. Monthly regular membership meeting will be held the 1st Tuesday of each month 7:00PM at a prearranged location. If necessary, exceptions may be made by the Board of Directors. Notification to members will be given as far in advance as possible of any changes.
 - b. Satellite meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM at a prearranged location. If necessary, exceptions may be made by giving notification to members as far in advance as possible.

ARTICLE III

- 1) Any issues not specifically addressed in the Club's By-laws of this "SOP" may be handled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

- 1) Required Vehicle Equipment
 - a. Integral metal top or roll bar.
 - b. Seat belts in operating condition for driver and all passengers.
 - c. Current registration and/or license.
 - d. Current insurance.
 - e. Vehicle must be in sound mechanical condition and approved by Safety Officer.
- 2) Recommended Vehicle Equipment
 - a. Basic tools, including jack.
 - b. First-Aid Kit.
 - c. Fire extinguisher.
 - d. Vehicle recovery strap – without hooks.
 - e. Attachments on front and rear for strap hook-up.
 - f. A working CB radio. Club channel is #4. Secondary channel, #8.
 - g. Carry extra parts pertinent to your vehicle: i.e. hoses, belts, U-joints, oil, etc. of what usually breaks on your vehicle.
 - h. Adequate supply of fuel and water to meet your individual needs.
- 3) Suggested Trail Supplies
 - a. Bring plenty of water.
 - b. Have more than enough food.
 - c. Prepare for any weather. Mountain weather can change in a matter of minutes.
 - d. Always be prepared to spend the night on the trail. Break downs do occur.

- 4) Assembly For Club Events
 - a. Have fueling and shopping completed prior to assembly time.
 - b. Assemble 15 minutes prior to departure time.
 - c. Leave at designated departure time.
 - d. Prearrange any separation from group with the trail leader. Always stay with the group if possible.
- 5) Common Sense Conduct
 - a. Adhere to "Tread Lightly" Program.
 - b. Trash – "Pack it in, Pack it out." When possible, pick up what others left behind.
 - c. Help inexperienced drivers and stock vehicles when necessary SO ALL CAN HAVE A GOOD TIME.
 - d. The club member is responsible for his/her guests.
- 6) Trail Ratings
 - a. In observance of simplicity, we will utilize the "**Red Rock Four Wheelers**" system of trail ratings.
 - 1: County dirt road maintained for high clearance 2WD and 4WD use in adverse conditions.
 - 2: County dirt road with infrequent or light maintenance after rain or snow, 2WD high clearance with low gears, otherwise light duty 4WD.
 - 3: Road with frequent use, but seldom maintained. Dirt, sand, and slick rock surfaces, with mud holes possible (note: may be impassable when wet due to soil composition). 4WD recommended under most circumstances due to ruts or wash erosion.
 - 4: Road surface consisting of loose rock, dirt and or sand with some slickrock surfaces. Erosion, washes, gulches and rock steps no higher than 12". 4WD is recommended with good ground clearance and driving skills. Aggressive tires and limited slip would be a plus. Water and mud possible.
 - 5: Road surfaces are rutted, rocky and sandy with steps not exceeding 14", with considerable slickrock surfaces. Water not exceeding 12" with some mud possible. Good vehicle approach and departure angles are helpful. Tall tires (33" plus) and traction added device (lockers, limited slips) is recommended. Above average driving skills are desirable.
 - 6: Roads are difficult with considerable erosion damage repaired just enough to be passable. Water in excess of 12" is possible with mud conditions. Steps not exceeding 24". Tall tires (33" plus) with traction added devices (lockers, limited slips) are recommended. A winch would be a plus. Enhanced suspension travel and ground clearance are helpful. Excellent driving skills are recommended.
 - 7: Trail consists of rock; sand and considerable slickrock with many steps exceeding 24". Steep inclines and declines are prevalent. **Enhanced off road equipment is required including locking devices (front & rear), tall tires, maximum vehicle clearance and tow hooks.** A winch is desirable. Excellent driving skills are required. Vehicle mechanical or body damage is likely. Roll over possibilities exist.
 - 8: Extreme trail similar to #7 except a bit more extreme. Excellent driving skills required. Vehicle damage is likely. Equipment or mechanical damage is probable. Frequent use of your winch may be required.
 - 9: Extreme and beyond, similar to #8. Vehicle damage is likely. Excellent driving skills are required. Roll over is very common. Winches, spare parts and tools are recommended. Be prepared to spend the night on the trail. Beyond the capability of most modified stock vehicles.
 - 10: Let the carnage begin! Buggy territory. Street driven 4X4's should not attempt this trail. Modified factory vehicles will not be able to complete this trail.

Choose your trails wisely, with honest appraisal of your equipment and experience in this terrain. It's better to go away saying you had fun than telling a story of how you had to fix or tow your vehicle (4WD tow trucks are very expensive and may not be able to get to you). We urge you to error on the "easy" side.